



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: "Old Goat" timber sale Application #30-083202, FPA # 26 09773

The Old Goat timber sale located in section 30 of Township 27N, Range 10 West, is a three unit variable retention harvest encompassing 86 acres; excluding leave tree areas and existing road the net harvest acreage is 82. The estimated timber volume removal is 1,572 MBF. This proposal also includes a total of 919 feet of new construction and 6,725 feet of pre-haul maintenance. Following completion of this proposal 1729 feet of road will be decommissioned. The designated rock source for this proposal is Winfield Pit located in Section 35 Township 27 North Range 12 West.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: This sale is not structural owl habitat and is under 50 years of age.

Marbled Murrelet: This sale was determined to be non-murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy.

Slope Stability: Unstable slopes have been excluded from the sale area.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): Water resources within the sale area are managed in accordance with the Habitat Conservation Plan. Riparian management zones, consisting of interior core and exterior wind buffers, have been applied to all Type 3 and Type 4 streams in the sale area. The width of the interior core buffers vary by stream segment, based on site specific attributes. Exterior wind buffers with an average width of 150 feet were installed on Type 3 streams and Type 4 streams have an average exterior buffer width of 50 feet. Wetland management zones, buffers 2/3 the site potential tree height (95 feet), have been installed on all forested wetlands between 0.25 and 5 acres within the proposal area. Ground based operations will be restricted from October 15th to April 15th to further reduce potential damages to soil and water resources from excessive rutting and potential sediment delivery. There will be no harvest within riparian buffers.

Retention Trees: Eight retention trees per acre, totaling 678 trees, have been selected and marked with a blue band or yellow leave tree area tags within the sale area. Wind-firm, dominant, and structurally unique trees were targeted for retention and are arranged both individually and aggregates throughout the proposed sale area.

Roads: Road construction and maintenance activities will be in compliance with the HCP, HPA, and current Forest Practices regulations. The work detailed in the road plan has been designed to improve surfacing on the haul roads, and provide for better drainage by installing additional, and replacing inadequate, culverts that will divert storm water onto stable forest floor. Soils exposed during road construction activities will be protected from erosion by grass seeding and mulching with hay.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sale is located approximately 25 road miles southeast of Forks, Washington via Highway 101, the Upper Hoh Road, and the H-3900 road system in Sections 30 of Township 27 North, Range 10 West.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from March 10, 2009. Comments must be submitted by March 24, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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